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MR. REDDY'S REPORT.

GIVES FEATURES AND INCIDENTS OF THE HIBERNIAN CONVENTION.

PERSONNEL OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Interesting Observations Upon the Floor of the Body—Reports as to the Condition of the Order—Facts About the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mr. William F. Reddy, State president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Virginia, has prepared a report of the recent national convention of that organization, which was held in Detroit, Mich. The paper will be read with keen interest by not only those in the Old Dominion who are often distinguished because they are wearers of the green, but by citizens generally. It is as follows:

Brothers: It was a happy selection that made the city of Detroit the seat of the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 1896. Happy because in this year and in July Detroit celebrated the centennial anniversary of its evacuation by the British. One hundred years ago and the flag of England, which has so often in the world's history received the curses of the helpless and the weak, was seen for the last time in this beautiful city. Strange, indeed, that a century later the representatives of the Irish race, over whose island home came the flutter of which death and desolation came upon the people, should have, by peaceful conquest, taken possession of this fair city, and with the flag of green and gold, typical of the old, and the Stars and stripes typical of the new, floating from the housetop, been welcomed to the hearts and homes of her citizens. Curious revolution in history. Thus it was, however, and the representatives of the sea-divided Gael, with friendship, unity, and true Christian charity as their watchwords, conquered in 1896 the city of Detroit, from which the British had retired in 1796.



MR. WILLIAM F. REDDY,
(State President Ancient Order of Hibernians.)

Every convention in our day has two distinguishing characteristics. The characteristic of business and the characteristic of pleasure. To Hibernian conventions there is a third—the characteristic of religion. It is but meet that we, who claim and truly to be the greatest Catholic organization in our country, should show in some way, other than by mere assertion, our loyalty to our religion. Therefore it was that before entering upon the duties and business of the convention the delegates assembled in the Cathedral and assisted at the solemn high mass. The mass was sung by our national chaplain, Bishop Foley. At its close he preached a powerful and eloquent sermon to the delegates.

The convention was formally opened by prayer by Bishop Foley. It was held in the hall of the Catholic Club, which was tastefully decorated. The seats of the various delegations were indicated by printed cards. The report of the Committee on Credentials, of which I had the honor to be a member, showed that there were 54 delegates present at the first session, and that from ten to twenty hours would arrive next day.

PERSONNEL OF THE BODY.

Let me pause here to describe the personnel of the convention: It was particularly representative. All of the Eastern States were represented, and most of the Western, including Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Louisiana was represented by Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, who was widely known as Mayor of New Orleans. The largest delegations were from Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, and Massachusetts. It was said in Detroit that the delegates were one of the best-looking bodies of men who had ever assembled in the city. This is a trite phrase, and is possibly used in connection with all delegations to large conventions. However, as I looked over the body with critical eye, day after day, I felt proud of the representatives of our common race. May I sum up what I might elaborate by saying that the convention was composed of Irish-American gentlemen! Apart from this, and equally important, they were men of high intelligence. During the four days the convention was in session I did not hear a dull speech. There were many that might have been improved on, but in almost every instance the speaker fully understood and grasped his subject, and threw new light on the discussion. It was a body that could hold its own anywhere.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

Perhaps it would be as well to state here that, in addition to the large number of delegates, there were almost as many representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary. They had come to Detroit for the purpose of getting national recognition and being a part and parcel of the order. They did not get all they asked, but they got a good deal. A constitution was framed for them by the Board of Directors, and the national president of our order was declared to be the national head of the Ladies' Auxiliary. To us, in Virginia, where there are no ladies' auxiliaries, and where it is possible none were ever contemplated, the progress of the Ladies' Auxiliary in other States must be astonishing. Originating two years ago, they have grown and spread like a banyan tree, with great rapidity. It might be well for us in our State to contemplate and endeavor to organize such auxiliaries. They serve two excellent purposes: First, the members are created an organization, which is of material assistance, paying sick and death benefits; second, these auxiliaries are admirable aids in building up the order and spreading its light. There are many of us who in such matters will not follow

the lead of men, but who will walk blindly in the wake of woman. Could we succeed in organizing the wives, the sisters, and daughters of our members in the Ancient Order of Hibernian Auxiliaries, are there not many not now afflicted with us who would then become active and zealous members? I firmly believe so, and I commend to the attention of the county and division presidents the forming of ladies' auxiliaries. Of course, the ladies were not admitted to the deliberations of the convention, but, nevertheless, they formed a charming and delightful part of its social functions.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The report on the progress and condition of the order is most satisfactory. Within the last two years 159 divisions and twenty-five companies of Hibernian rites have been added. The membership was increased by 2,250, and now numbers nearly 100,000. The receipts during the two years were \$1,568,192.31. The expenditures were as follows: For salaries \$1,021,589.86. The largest items of expenditure were as follows: For death benefits \$28,025.25. For death benefits for wives of members \$1,253.35. For charitable purposes \$29,888.56. The balance in the Division Treasuries at the date of the report was \$35,211.65. The National Treasury showed a balance on hand of \$3,847.21, an excellent showing, considered, especially when no call was made for an assessment of 5 cents per capita authorized to be levied. There can be nothing but gratification to our members in the reading of this report. True Christian Charity is the profession of the lips, let the \$29,888.56 spent for charitable purposes attest. The hungry have been fed. The naked have been clothed. The fatherless have been protected. Desolate and despairing homes have been lighted up with renewed hope and trust in God. Surely it is no exaggeration to say that all over our grand republic there are widows, who, as each day passes, and night comes, gather their orphaned and unprotected, to raise the question, "Where is the father who promised to protect and kneel prayer, that the divinity may bless our pray, which came into their lives like one of God's messengers."

THE GAELIC CHAIR.

The report of the National President, together with that of the National Chaplain, Bishop Foley, the custodian of the fund for the endowment of a Gaelic chair in the Catholic University, showed that the sum of \$9,000 had been collected for this purpose, and that there was more than sufficient to bring the fund to the required amount of \$50,000, still uncollected. It was determined by the convention, however, to raise the total amount immediately, and not wait until the balance due by the members should be paid. A resolution was adopted appropriating a sufficient sum from the National Treasury to complete the fund, and it is my pleasure to report to you that the work has been accomplished, and the Gaelic chair endowed. The formal transfer of the fund will be made at the opening of the coming session of the National University. The great feature of the matter for sincere congratulation that we have accomplished the work. It will stand for all time, as a monument to our patriotism. Indeed, I cannot do better than quote the eloquent words of Dr. Shohou quoted by our National President in his report.

"When the annals of the decline and fall of the cruel British imperialism of the future shall have been written by some Gaelic Gibbon of the future. When we take up again the Irish annals, where the wearied hands of the four masters dropped the pen, the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be emblazoned upon one of their brightest pages. What

a spectacle for the world of the power of Gaelic endurance and the mighty strength that slumbers in organized manhood, when it is flashed across the wires that over 100,000 men of Irish blood, have decreed that their mother tongue shall live, and live, too, in their midst, a well-spring to all time of the holiest and highest suggestions for mankind. It will be told in the halls of Oxford and on the banks of the Rhine, and among the thoughtful students of the German Fatherland, to whom we owe an indelible debt of gratitude for their sheltering care of our dear old tongue. It will be echoed in the distant Italy, and in the Eternal City itself, that at last the children of the Gael are rousing themselves from the long night of slumber, and preparing for new and peaceful conquests in all the provinces of thought, wherein once before they were the schoolmasters of the civilized world. But, above all, will this noble act be told in every sweet valley, and on every fair hill of Holy Ireland, and it will infuse fresh ardor into the brave heart of the people, and it will fill them with fresh respect for themselves and their cause, and teach a monumental lesson of unity, and make them feel as few other acts could, that their brethren the wide world over are in deepest sympathy with them, and will cling, while blood flows and hearts beat, to the spiritual inheritance of the Gael, his Christian faith, and his love of learning, of which so much is imbedded forever in his venerable ancient tongue.

THE OFFICERS ELECTED.

The remaining important business of the convention was the election of officers. For most of the offices there were contests. The following were elected: P. J. O'Connor, Savannah, Ga., national president; John C. Weadock, Detroit, Mich., national vice-president; James O'Sullivan, Philadelphia, Pa., national secretary; T. J. Dundon, Columbus, O., national treasurer; M. F. Wilmore, Philadelphia, Pa.; T. J. Mahoney, Omaha, Neb.; John D. Murphy, Norwich, Conn.; and M. J. Burns, Indianapolis, Ind., national directors.

MANY SOCIAL FEATURES.

The social features of the convention were in charge of the Michigan brethren and they have every reason to feel proud of their record. At the Catholic Club a reception was tendered the delegates by Bishop Foley. It was very largely attended, not only by the delegates, but by the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, whose presence lent charms to the reception. The trip on the Detroit river was delightful. The boat was crowded with Hibernians and their ladies, and all seemed to enjoy thoroughly the beauty of the excursion. The great feature of the social functions was the banquet given at the auditorium. It was a splendid affair. As one entered the great hall the eye was at once fascinated by the beauty of the decorations. All around the hall were filled with Detroit residents, and it is safe to say that not less than ten thousand people were present in the auditorium. The musical programme and the speeches made at the banquet were of the highest character. It was a memorable night and the Michigan Hibernians must be proud of it.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS NOTES.

Miss Western, of New York, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. Peck. Mrs. Sydney and family returned Wednesday from a delightful visit to the seashore. The friends of Rev. Mr. Scott are much grieved that through ill-health he will be compelled to resign his pastorate. Mr. Constable, who will take his place, preached here Sunday morning for the Methodists.

Mr. Collier, of Antioch, preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning, and Rev. P. R. Nugent, of Richmond, delivered a sermon at the same place Sunday night.

Mr. Ray Christian visited Mrs. R. Garrett several days last week.

The Methodist Sunday school gave a delightful picnic at New Bridge Wednesday.

Miss Kate Chadwick is visiting Mrs. C. H. Raabe.

Mr. Jesse Willard's house, on Maple avenue, was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday night. It was occupied at the time by Mr. Self, the conductor, whose foot was so badly shot in an accident Monday, is improving steadily.

On the noon car Monday a fight occurred between a young white man and a number of insolent negro excursionists.

A petition is to be circulated demanding a change in travelling accommodations for white people over the Seven-Pines road.

Mr. P. R. Nugent will probably begin a series of meetings in this neighborhood Monday night.

Mr. Bachelder will preach this afternoon at the Baptist church.

Mr. J. B. Newell will return to the North with his family about the middle of next month.

Richmond College's Work.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Your paper of the 9th instant copies the following from the Baltimore American: "Mr. G. H. Cole, a graduate of the Theological Seminary of Richmond College, will be ordained to the ministry at Lee Street Baptist church this evening." This announcement suggests the desirability of asking space to correct an impression that Richmond College is a theological seminary, or that it has a theological department, or that at least its main, if not exclusive, work is to give to young men expecting to enter the ministry the collegiate training that is to fit them for the duties of the ministry. It is not an impression that is to be corrected by the fact that it is not a theological seminary, or that it has a theological department, or that at least its main, if not exclusive, work is to give to young men expecting to enter the ministry the collegiate training that is to fit them for the duties of the ministry. It is not an impression that is to be corrected by the fact that it is not a theological seminary, or that it has a theological department, or that at least its main, if not exclusive, work is to give to young men expecting to enter the ministry the collegiate training that is to fit them for the duties of the ministry.

A Vignette.

Cupid, playing blind-man's buff. Seized my Psyche's floating tresses. "Here is aiken clew enough To disentangle with my guises. This is Psyche's gold fleece: She's my prisoner, past release." Semantics are doing, we should have no cause to blush. But, as a matter of fact, such is not our work. We are a

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